

THE SENATE TALKS TARIFF.

The Dingley Bill Distasteful to Wool Growers, Who Want More Protection.

MR. MANTLE MAKES A GRAVE CHARGE.

A Close Test Vote as to the Strength of the Various Elements in the Senate—Pronounced Opposition to Mr. Bailey in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The first skirmish on the tariff question occurred in the Senate to-day. It was followed by a vote which served as a test of strength of the various elements of the Senate. The vote occurred on a motion by Mr. Morrill (Rep. of Vermont) chairman of the Committee on Finance, to refer a resolution by Mr. Vest, one of the Democratic members of that committee. This made the issue between representatives of the two leading elements in the Senate. Aside from this the resolution was in the nature of a criticism of Secretary Gage and declared illegal his recent order relative to goods imported after April 1st, when, according to the restrictive clause of the pending Dingley bill, the new tariff rates are to apply.

TARIFF DISCUSSION. Mr. Morrill's motion prevailed by the close vote of 21 to 21. This led to the vote on the resolution. The subject came first when Mr. Mantle presented a memorial from wool-growers urging ample protection to their industry. The resolution of the Senate on the tariff bill, which Secretary Gage had issued, was the subject of the discussion. Mr. Morrill denied the statement, saying this gentleman had been supposed as an expert to give information on the subject. Messrs. Hawley, of Connecticut, and Gray, of Delaware, participated in the debate.

Mr. Morrill succeeded in cutting off the debate by calling for the yeas and nays. He expressed the opinion that there would be no premature debate of a tariff bill expected to be reported at an early date. The debate soon came up again on the resolution of Mr. Vest. The resolution of the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend the duty on goods imported after April 1st. Mr. Vest declared the duty of the Secretary was to execute the law, and he would not be responsible for the order. He said that the order was issued in violation of the law, and he would not be responsible for it.

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ARSON AND BRUTAL MURDER.

A Whole Family Killed and Their Home Burned to the Ground.

The Bodies Shockingly Mutilated.

The Supposed Criminal Found at a House Near by Chattering and Laughing Like a Maniac—Only One Body Saved from the Furious Flames.

PASCOAG, R. I., April 14.—News reached here to-day of a tragedy at Oakland, a small farming village, a few miles from Pascoag. About 5 o'clock this morning the house occupied by Edward Reynolds and family was burned, and Reynolds, his wife, and adopted daughter were killed.

It was several hours after the fire was discovered before those who were at the scene could begin their search. At daylight a body was seen lying near the center of the ruins, and as soon as possible this was removed. Although it was burned so badly that it was beyond recognition, the appearance indicated that it was that of a man.

When the neighbors, who had been aroused by the fire went to the Reynolds house this morning, they found that the flames were confined to one part of the building. The place was securely fastened, and every window closed tightly, so that they were compelled to burst open the door to gain admittance. The house had been saturated with kerosene, and the flames spread rapidly. The search for the bodies was a desperate one.

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THE CRETAN UMBROGLIO.

The Porte Formally Serves Notice Upon Greece.

London, April 14.—The Evening News dispatch from its special correspondent at Athens says the Turkish Government has formally informed the Greek Government that any further delay of the irregulars into the Turkish territory will be regarded by Turkey as a declaration of war by Greece.

London, April 14.—A special dispatch from Salonica, the Turkish "irregulars" have succeeded in advancing as far as Grevena, rallying the population to their arms and threatening the communication lines between the Turkish armies at Salonica and Janina.

London, April 14.—Trustworthy reports received yesterday confirm the statements that the Greek irregulars have captured the town of Grevena. The Turks lost forty men killed. Insurgent Chief Davella occupied a very strong position in the mountains near Krania. His force was later attacked by the Turkish detachment from Ymittos. The Turks were repulsed with a severe loss. The Greeks then assumed the offensive, cut up the Turkish detachment, captured eighteen mules, a convoy of provisions, and a large quantity of ammunition, and made prisoners of fifteen Turks.

After this success the Greeks advanced to Kipuri, on the road to Grevena, threatening the communications of the Turkish central force at the entrance in Albania. The Turkish troops continue to arrive here from the South. A third brigade was formed to-day to assist in the defense of the frontier. The enthusiasm of the troops is unabated.

Dispatches received here to-day from the Greek expeditionary force say that the irregulars have passed Kipuri, driving the Turks before them, and are now in the vicinity of Grevena, where an army corps is stationed. Vienna, April 14.—The best informed diplomats here regard war as inevitable. They say the strain cannot much longer be borne by either Turkey or Greece as the Greek matter has passed from the Powers to attempt to intervene. In view of the dangerous position assumed by Greece the question is reiterated whether she does not count upon some Power coming to her support at the critical moment.

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A NEGRO CADET NOMINATED.

Congressman Shattuck Wisb's to Send One to the Annapolis Naval Academy.

SAYS HE EARNED HIS APPOINTMENT.

In a Competitive Drill—Shattuck Insists That the Colored Boy Shall Go, Though Told That It Will Probably Break Up the Academy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—Congressman Shattuck, of Ohio, yesterday nominated E. J. Bundy, a colored lad of Cincinnati, to a cadetship at Annapolis. He has been urged to withdraw the name, but says he will stand by the appointment. There have been some murmurs of disapproval from the Naval Academy, and threats of the students to resign.

EARNED HIS APPOINTMENT. "The boy earned the appointment fairly," said General Shattuck to-day. There was a competitive examination, and two colored lads, one of them Bundy, outstripped their Caucasian competitors. One of them, however, proved to be over twenty, and was, therefore, debarred. I had told them the competition was open to every eligible boy in my district. Bundy, who won, is one of the handsomest boys I ever saw. Yesterday I sent him to the Secretary of Navy, and he will be appointed. I have received no communications from the students at Annapolis on the subject, but several congressmen have told me that it was an unwritten law not to allow a colored boy at Annapolis. They told me if I persisted it would break up the school; that other students would resign.

LET THEM RESIGN. "Let them resign, and be d—n," I replied. "That boy earned his appointment fairly, and I am going to see that he goes to Annapolis and receives fair treatment if it is in my power to do so." General Shattuck says that if the lad is willing to subject himself to the humiliation, he will naturally encounter at Annapolis, but he will see that the lad will see him through. General Shattuck says he has been informed that no colored boy ever graduated at the Naval Academy. He says he has 7,500 negroes in his district.

NEWPORT NEWS GUNBOATS. The Wilmington and Helena Far Above Contract Speed. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The Navy Trial Board has just submitted to the Navy Department the report of the trial trip of the two gunboats Wilmington and Helena, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. The Wilmington was tried first on March 21st on the Long Island course. On the way north from Newport News to New London, she encountered a long swell in which she rolled about 27 degrees, which was much diminished when the swell was taken about the beam instead of two points ahead. The trial was run March 25th in fair weather and with a smooth sea. The time was three hours, thirty-five minutes and fifty-four seconds. With correction for tides it amounted to an average speed of 15.675 knots.

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